

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 14, 2004

IN RE:

**ENTERGY ARKANSAS, INC.'S TARIFF REVISIONS
FOR REVISED NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING COST
RIDER M26 AND REVISED GRAND GULF RIDER M33**

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**DOCKET NO.
03-00623**

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF REVISIONS

This matter came before Chairman Deborah Taylor Tate, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "TRA" or "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on January 26, 2004 upon the Petition ("*Petition*") filed by Entergy Arkansas, Inc ("Entergy" or "EAI") on December 5, 2004

Entergy's *Petition* is contained in a letter addressed to the Office of the Chairman of the Authority. The *Petition* reflects the annual revision to decommissioning costs for the M26 Rider ("M26" or "M26 Rider") and allocated fuel costs for the M33 Grand Gulf Rider ("M33" or "M33 Rider"). The rates for both of these riders are adjusted annually in accordance with the provisions of Docket No. 98-00007. EAI filed the same Petition with the Arkansas Public Service Commission ("APSC") in Dockets Nos 87-166-TF and 03-191-TF. The APSC approved the tariff revisions in Order Nos. 41 and 1, respectively.¹

The M26 Rider was approved by the APSC to account for the costs associated with the future decommissioning of certain nuclear power plants located within Arkansas.² For 2003, this surcharge

¹ *Petition*, pp. 30-31, 102-103 (December 5, 2004)

² *Petition*, pp. 30-31 (December 5, 2004)

was zero and the surcharge for the period beginning in January 2004 is also projected to be at zero since EAI has determined that the M26 decommissioning balance is currently adequately funded.³ The zero rate would apply to all customer classes.⁴

The M33 Rider represents allocated fuel costs from power generated at a jointly owned electric power facility in Mississippi.⁵ The proposed rates to be applied to the various EAI customer classes have increased due to an under-collection of fuel costs from last year.⁶ The monetary impact to Tennessee customers is estimated to be approximately two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250) annually.

After consideration and review of Entergy's *Petition* the Directors of the voting panel assigned to this docket voted unanimously to approve Entergy's *Petition*.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT

1. The *Petition*, specifically the revised Nuclear Decommissioning Cost Rider M26 and Grand Gulf Rider M33, are accepted.
2. Any further revisions to its tariff filed with the Arkansas Public Service Commission shall be immediately filed with this Authority.


Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Ron Jones, Director

³ *Id.*, at 2, 4

⁴ *Id.*, at 4

⁵ *Id.*, at 38

⁶ *Id.*, at 39-40, 48